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My dear Jim,

It was nice of you to ring up on the 18th. I'm sorry if I was incoherent, but there was so much noise I could hardly hear what you said. I hear you had a good party the next day and also that you plan to spend the prize on women!

This is mainly to discuss the question of the prize lectures, as we have to divide the subject between us. I feel that Maurice should deal with the actual structure. Personally I am against anything in the way of a historical account of the work. Actually the citation includes "its significance for information transfer". Do you think that you should talk about messenger RNA, and that I should discuss the acridine mutants and the light they shed on the code? I feel it would be foolish to include mechanism of DNA replication as Kornberg covered that. However, I expect you have your own ideas.

I have been approached by Science and by Angewandte Chemie for permission to publish my prize lecture (the latter in a German translation). I said I ought to consult you and Maurice about this. What do you feel?

Odile and Michael and the two little girls are all coming. The program looks very strenuous, but I'm told it's all quite fun.

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